

Notice of appointment of a Local Auditor to East Sussex County Council from 2018/19

Under Section 8(2) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and 15(5) of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015 the Council must publish a notice relating to the appointment of its Local Auditor.

In July 2016 Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) was selected by the Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to take on the role of Appointing Person for the audits of principal local government and police bodies. PSAA is specified as an appointing person under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and regulation 3 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015. For audits of the accounts from 2018/19, Appointments are made for the duration of the five-year appointing period, covering the audits of the accounts for 2018/19 to 2022/23.

The process adopted for making these appointments is set out in more detail on the PSAA website at <https://www.psaa.co.uk/appointing-person/auditor-appointment-process>

The Council took the decision at a meeting of the full Council on 7th February 2017 to opt into the national auditor appointment process being led by PSAA. On 19th December 2017 PSAA confirmed the appointment of Grant Thornton (UK) LLP to audit the accounts of East Sussex County Council and East Sussex Pension Fund for five years, for the accounts from 2018/19 to 2022/23. This appointment is made under regulation 13 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015, and was approved by the PSAA Board at its meeting on 14th December 2017.

The Council has accepted the proposed appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as the Council's external auditor from 2018/19 onwards.